(i) inserting DNA fragments of obtained from DNA containing the desired gene into a plasmid vector(s) comprising a promoter sequence to control an expression of a desired gene, said promoter sequence being recognized by an RNA polymerase derived from SP6 phage, and a replication origin for increasing a copy number by induction with an exogenous factor, said replication origin comprising lac promoter and RNAII region, wherein said desired gene encodes a protein lethal or harmful to the host;

(ii) transforming host cells with said vector(s); and

(iii) selecting host cells containing said desired gene.

Please add the following new claims 29-31.

--29. The method of claim 20, wherein said DNA fragment is obtained by cleaving DNA containing the desired gene with restriction endonuclease.

30. The method of claim 20, wherein said DNA fragment is obtained by PCR-based amplification using a DNA containing the desired gene.

31. The method of claim 22, wherein said plasmid vector comprises the restriction endonuclease gene but does not contain a corresponding modification enzyme.--